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1. Despite the fact that the East German 1954 power program was not fulfilled, the Government believes that, by the end of 1955, the possibility of power cutoffs will not be so great, even though development plans of the first Five-Year Plan will not have been completed.
  2. The East German electric power output expansion plan was only fulfilled 95.9 percent. The 1954 electric power output of 26,044,000,000 Kwh was a 7.4 percent increase over the 24,257,000,000 Kwh in 1953. A thirty billion Kwh output is planned for 1955. The planned 1955 increase would bring the total to 89.8 percent of the Five-Year Plan. Expansion kept pace with the Five-Year Plan through 1953. The original Five-Year Plan called for a 19 percent gain. The 1954 plan is rescheduled for an 11.9 percent gain under the "New Course".
  3. Including backlogs from previous years, a capacity of 809 MW was to be added in 1954. Instead, only 670 MW were installed, of which only 471 MW were in permanent operation at the end of the year. Instead of 2,780 MW, added to the operable capacity under the Five-Year Plan, it is now expected that only 1,847 MW will have been added by the end of the year.
  4. A major effort of the East German electrical equipment industry, during the first three years of the current Five-Year Plan, was devoted to the repair of existing installations. There was little significant production of new equipment until 1954.
  5. In 1955, 626 MW of new capacity are to be added. Although difficulties are being encountered in keeping up with the increased demands of industry, the Government expects the danger of power cutoffs to be eliminated by the end of 1955. However, power rationing and economizing will have to continue.
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